

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JANUARY 12TH, 1938.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, on January 12th, 1938.

Present:

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., State Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, State Treasurer.

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There was presented to the Board for approval a request from Morgan College that the said College be authorized to enter into a contract with J. L. Robinson Construction Company, Baltimore, for the construction of a new Library Building in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Taylor & Fisher, Architects, for the sum of \$182,052.00. A copy of bid of J. L. Robinson Construction Company and a tabulation of bids received from the various contractors submitting proposals for the work were reported to the Board for its consideration.

The Board of Public Works duly approved the request of Morgan College that it be authorized to enter into a contract with J. L. Robinson Construction Company, for the erection of a new Library Building at that Institution, for the sum of \$182,052.00, as authorized by Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1937, and in connection with which the State is to receive a grant of funds from the Public Works Administration under Maryland Docket No. Md. 1109-DS.

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There was presented to the Board by Montrose School for Girls a request that the Institution be authorized to enter into a contract with Seymour Ruff & Son, in the sum of \$40,575.00, for the construction and equipment of a gymnasium at the Institution, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Clyde N. Friz and Nelson Friz, Architects.

The Board was presented with a copy of the bid of Seymour Ruff and Son, that contractor submitting the lowest bid for the work, and a tabulation of bids received from various contractors submitting prices for the work. After due consideration the Board approved the request of Montrose School for Girls that it be authorized to enter into a contract with Seymour Ruff and Son, in the sum of \$40,575.00, for the construction of a gymnasium at the Institution, as authorized by Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1937, and in connection with which the State is to receive a grant of funds from the Public Works Administration under Maryland Docket No. Md - 1107-DS.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JANUARY 20TH, 1938.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore on Thursday, January 20th, 1938.

Present -

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer

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Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect for construction work at Springfield State Hospital, Sykesville, Maryland, in connection with which the State is to receive a grant - Docket Md. 1105-DS, appeared before the Board and discussed the several items outlined in a letter addressed to him by the Public Works Administration, under date of December 21st, 1937

The matter was gone into very fully, and after due consideration, the following conclusions were reached -

1. It was agreed that the work involved in the power house and water supply system be separated into two contracts - one for alterations and additions to power house equipment, - and the other for alterations and additions to the water supply system.
2. It was agreed that the better method for contracting for furnishing and installing water lines, valves and hydrants in this particular case would be on unit price basis, and the Board is desirous of being allowed to proceed accordingly.
3. It was agreed that the Board could find no very good reason for deviating from the prevailing wage rates established in connection with the plans and specifications for the construction of the Tuberculosis Building and a Dormitory Building at the Springfield State Hospital, which is part of the project under the above docket, and desires to use those same wage rates in connection with the work involved in the power house and water supply system.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter addressed to the Maryland Historical Society by Laurence Hall Fowler, Architect, dated January 11th, 1938, and a letter addressed by General Clinton L. Riggs to Governor Nice, under date of January 12th, together with the Governor's reply of January 13th, to General Riggs, relative to work to be done in the State House at Annapolis, in connection with the furnishing of the Old Senate Chamber, for which an appropriation of \$5,000 is appropriated in the 1938 Budget.

Mr. Fowler was of the opinion that other work should be done, the cost of which was not taken into consideration in the appropriation of \$5,000, and inquired whether it would be possible for the Board of Public Works to make available the additional money which it was felt would be necessary, The Board not having any funds available, was of the opinion that the \$5,000.00 should be used to cover as much work as possible, whether that work be the carrying out of the furnishing of the Old Senate Chamber, or partly doing that work and taking care of the extra work which Mr. Fowler in his letter of January 11th stated would be necessary.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Miners Hospital, Frostburg, Maryland, in which authority was requested to use the balance of \$1,553.16, remaining to the credit of the Hospital at the close of the fiscal year 1937, for maintenance and repair of the hospital building.

The request was approved.

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The Board authorized the writing off as uncollectible, accounts listed in a statement submitted with letter of the Miners Hospital of January 8th, 1938, the total of the accounts being \$5,518.28.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated January 13th, 1938, from the Conservation Department, asking authority to sell the boat "West River", and advising that an offer of \$100.00 had been made for the boat.

The Board authorized the sale of the boat by the Conservation Department.

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The Secretary took up with the Board bill presented by Tolchester Lines, Inc., in the amount of \$1,166.66, being one-twelfth of the appropriation of \$14,000 in the Budget of the State Roads Commission to cover the operation of a daily ferry service between Baltimore and Tolchester, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works.

The Secretary had obtained information from the Ferry Company and the Public Service Commission, showing that a daily service had been maintained from the date on which the service commenced, December 4th, 1937, until January 17th, 1938. The service was suspended on the latter date for the purpose of making repairs to the boat.

The Board approved payment of the bill of \$1,166.66, to cover the period December 4th, 1937 to January 4th, 1938.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated December 29th, 1937, from the State Roads Commission, in which authority was requested for the allocation of \$90,000.00 from the Emergency Reconstruction Bond Issue of 1936, for the reconstruction of the bridge over Big Pipe Creek in Carroll County at Bruceville, and the necessary relocation of the approach highways.

The request of the State Roads Commission was approved.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

MEETING OF JANUARY 13TH, 1938.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Board of Managers of Spring Grove State Hospital, Catonsville, Md. January 13th, 1938.

Present: Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller & Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.  
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The Board of Managers of Spring Grove State Hospital had just previously to the meeting of the Board of Public Works opened bids for additions to Dining Building at the Institution, and requested approval of the Board of Public Works to the award of the contract to the Cogswell Construction Company of Baltimore, Maryland, in the lump sum of \$33,350.00, the work to be done in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect. The approval requested was granted, subject to the Public Works Administration first having approved the proposed contract between Spring Grove State Hospital and Cogswell Construction Company for the project.

*Joseph O'Connell*  
Secretary.